



NEWS RELEASE

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SOUTHBOUND I-880 REOPENS Tanker Truck Accident Cleared and Pavement Repaired

Oakland – This morning at approximately 6:17 a.m. a tanker truck exploded on southbound I-880 resulting in the closure of the freeway near the Embarcadero off-ramp. This evening at the time of this release, Caltrans has picked up the closures and traffic is once again beginning to move along southbound I-880.

“I am very pleased with the response of all agencies and emergency services involved. I couldn't be more proud of Caltrans staff and the contractor who fulfilled the needs of our emergency contract and performed the intense repair work in record time to restore the vital route ahead of schedule,” said Caltrans District 4 Director Bijan Sartipi.

Caltrans contracted with Granite Construction to do the repair work before the fire was even put out this morning. The wreckage was cleared from the freeway lanes at about 3 p.m. and Granite Construction responded as expected and completed the temporary repairs to reopen the road at 7:19 p.m.

Caltrans will schedule the permanent pavement repairs to the section of freeway next week.

